GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:95
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2002
EXPORT TARGET OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have earmarked any target for the export of foodgrains for the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof, foodgrain-wise;

(c) whether any agreements have been signed between India and the exporting countries for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c)&(d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.95 DUE FOR ANSWER O 07-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): The Government has lifted quantitative restrictions on the export of wheat and rice from the Central Pool, subject to the condition that the stocks in the Central Pool would not be lower than 243 lakh MTs (143 lakh MTs of wheat and 100 lakh MTs of rice) at any point of time. However, the exports during the current financial year, i.e., 2002-03 are estimated to be 150 lakh MTs - 100 lakh MTs of wheat and 50 lakh MTs of rice.

(c) &(d): Foodgrains are being offered from the Central Pool to various Public SectorUndertakings, State Agencies, private parties, etc. for the purpose of export. The Governmentof India is not directly exporting foodgrains. Hence, no agreement is required to be signed between the Government of India and the importing countries.